Saint Mary's

Saint Catharine of Siena Parish





ST. MARY'S REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday, 2:45 -3:15 p.m. in the Church. Otherwise, by appointment only

Pastoral Staff

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Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Daily: Monday - Friday - 7:15 a.m.

Sacraments Reconciliation: Saturday - 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. - in the Church otherwise, by appointment only.

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St. Catharine of Siena Parish Mission Statement We, the people of St. Catharine of Siena Parish, as brothers and sisters in Christ guided by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and inspired by the works of our patron saint proclaim a desire to grow in our Roman Catholic faith through holiness and a willingness to serve the members of our parish family and community.

Saint Mary's News

Saturday, April 12th - 3:30 p.m. - Genevieve & Joseph Iswalt Sunday, April 13th - 10:30 a.m. - Dolly & Danny Piccone Sunday, April 20th - 10:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Members of the Parish



Celebrating 100 Years

Join us for Mass with Bishop Schlert as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St.

Catharine's Parish.

(Mass counts for your Sunday obligation).

Date: Sunday, May 18, 2025

Time: 3:00pm

Light refreshments to follow

in the Social Hall.

Please scan the QR code or call the Parish Office at 610-779-4005 to

RSVP by April 20, 2025.



<u>Pray for Priests</u> – Saint Catharine's is beginning **7**Sisters Apostolate, a group of women who can devote one Holy Hour per week in front of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for our priests. Please contact Roxane Sheeler at rcsheeler@gmail.com if you are interested. We start in June.



Monday of Holy Week, April 14

Mass at 7:15 am.;

Penance Service with multiple priests at 7 pm

Tuesday April 15

Masses at 7:15 am and 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 16

Mass at 7:15 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17

Morning Prayer at 8:00 am

MASS of THE LORD's SUPPER 7 p.m.

(Incense Used)

Night Prayer at the Repository 10:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18

Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m. (Divine Mercy Novena begins)

LITURGY of THE LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross 7 pm (outdoors weather permitting)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19

Morning Prayer at 8:00 am (no confessions or 4:30 p.m. Mass)

BLESSING of EASTER FOOD - St. Mary's 10 am (no 3:30 pm Mass)

SOLEMN VIGIL OF EASTER 8:00 pm

(Incense Used)

Begins outside under the portico.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20

7:30 am Mass (with music: organ and cantor)
9:30 am (Guitar Group Mass) Incense Used
11:30 am (Choir Mass) Incense Used
10:30 am Mass at St. Mary's; Incense Used



Save the Date — Dinner & a Movie — Star Wars — "New Hope" on Sunday, May 4, 2025 in the Social Hall. Doors open 4:30. Come for free food, fellowship, and fun. RSVP by April 27th to nancy.vardjan@gmail.com.

<u>Is 50: 4-7:</u> The sufferings of God's servant will not deter Him from faith in God.

Phil 2:6-11: Jesus Christ is Lord!

<u>Lk 22:14- 23:56</u>: Attend to the account of Christ's last days, and consider how He suffered that we might have faith. By His Holy Cross he has saved the world.

<u>Today's Message</u>: Jesus, humbling Himself out of love for us, did not shield His face from buffets and spitting, but offered His life on the cross. He relied on His Father's love.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

CHOIR REHEARSAL - 10:00 a.m. - Meeting Room

MONDAY, APRIL 14

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – after the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 8p.m.

CONFESSIONS – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

CUB SCOUTS – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

CHOIR PRACTICE - 7:00 p.m. - Church

WEDNESDSAY, APRIL 16

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS - following the 7:15 a.m. Mass MILLIONS OF MONICAS - 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. - Church FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE - 6:30 p.m. - Church YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 7:00 p.m. - Meeting Room SIENA STITCHERS - 10:00 a.m. - Meeting Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m.

NIGHT PRAYER - 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7:00 p.m. –Outside (weather permitting) or Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD - 10:00 a.m. - ***St. Mary's***

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

"A Heartfelt Thank You"

Once again, you the parishioners and St. Catharine's School students gave from your heart. We had 10 tables full of food for the families to fill bags from. The monetary donations in our St. Vincent de Paul poor boxes also proved just how generous and loving a community St. Catharine's is. Thank you so much and may your Easter be as blessed as you blessed others this year.

Social Sunday, April 27th after all morning Masses in the social hall! St. Vincent DePaul Society will be our hosts for coffee, juice, doughnuts and fruit!



For the week of April 13th
The Sanctuary Candle
will burn In
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - Thomas Klick

St. Mary's - Mike & Madeline Mullen

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

8:00 Valeriano & Jenny Delle Palme & Deceased Family Members

4:30 Vincent Stubler (17th Anniversary)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

7:30 Gerry & Marie Sullivan

9:30 John Walter Burns

11:30 Rita Franco (10th Anniversary)

MONDAY, APRIL 14

7:15 Theresa A. Mellinger

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

7:15 Anna L. Finley

6:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Bryan & Karen Ankielewicz & Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

7:15 Albert C. Lellig

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

8:00 Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

3:00 Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

8:00 Morning Prayer

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass -Living & Deceased Members of the

Parish

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

7:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish9:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

11:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

For the Week of April 13, 2025

Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

Monday, Holy Monday

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, Holy Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a; 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, Holy Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, Holy Thursday of the Lord's Passion

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16 bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7 -9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Gen 1:1-2:2 or Gen 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gen 22:1-18 or Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5,8,9-10, 11; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5, 43:3, 4; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20: 1-9

PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Monday 4/14 Rev. George Pendergraft, F.S.S.P.

Tuesday 4/15
Wednesday 4/16
Thursday 4/17
Friday 4/18
Rev. John S. Pendzick
Rev. Dominic Thao Pham
Rev. Quyet A. Pham
Rev. Robert J. Potts

Saturday 4/19 Rev. Msgr. Stephen J. Radocha

BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING- 2025 Season Registration is now open- This year you can again register online by going to - https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/475623 This program is open to girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools. We invite you to join us at our MEET & GREET on JUNE 5TH @ BCHS from 6-7:30PM. You can also follow us on Facebook by going to: Berks Catholic Youth Football and Cheer-2020 and Beyond For any other questions contact: Danielle Fowler 610-374-1695 or email DFOWLER@BERKSCATHOLIC.ORG

Rosary volunteers needed! We will be reciting the rosary 1/2 hour before all Masses in the month of May. Please consider volunteering for this ministry. Commitment is to arrive 1/2 before Mass and lead the rosary. All materials will be emailed to you prior for review and hard copies will be in the sacristy. You can email your preferred time and day to Maribeth Gardella at thegoodgardella@gmail.com or call 810-250-1825.

50 Plus News

Please call, President Bev Gallo for any 50 Plus Club inquiries. Her phone number is 610-763-7058. You can see us on Facebook for additional information.

Meetings

May 7, 2025: Kim Cox from Sterling Senior Life Solutions will discuss how to downsize. Refreshments will be served.

June 4, 2025- Jill from Country Meadows will provide a fun presentation to our members, more details to come!

Trips

July 10, 2025: Magic and Wonder Show, \$110

August 27, 2025: Toby's Dinner in the Round, "Saturday Night Fever", \$145

November 15, 2025: Christmas Show at American Music Theatre, \$90

Please call Pat White at 610-582-1437 or Bev Bard at 610-763-5654. For trip information.

Please call Maria Bunch at 610-914-7005 with the names of members who are sick or who have died. We always welcome new members and encourage guests to join us at any of our meetings. Our meetings are held at 1:00 PM on the first Wednesday of most months at St Catharine Social Hall. There will be no meetings during the special events months of April, August, and December.

<u>Parish Nurse News</u> - While we prepare for this Holy Week, remember those who live alone, those with a long illness, and those who experienced the death of a child, spouse, or other loved one. Offer a ride if needed, or a visit. Pray with them, or remind them that you are thinking of them. Thoughtful gestures, conversation, and listening are heartwarming and remembered with profound gratitude!



SCS Knights 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament







SATURDAY, MAY 3rd

Tournament check-in starts at 10:30 am Play Starts at 11:30 am (includes beef BBQ, hot dogs, beer, soda, water, traditional fixings and snacks)

REGISTRATION FORMS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH or CONTACT JOHN ARTY @ (484) 269-4195

Looking forward to seeing you all again this year!
The SCS Knights thank you for your continued support!

Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

a time to be born... Recently Baptized: Mackenzie & Malachi Birtch

Please pray for our sick & soldiers in harm's way: Karin Acuna, Joseph Albert, Richard Abelt, Carl Andrzjewski, Anthony Antonucci, Baby Lanzo, Mike Bailey, Joe Barker, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Dolores Bertoti, Irene Bezak, Joseph Bezak, Jason Beshore, JoAnne Biscanti, Jodi Bixler, Susan Bolognese, Jim Boris, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek, Connie Burkhart, Jennifer Burrell, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Therese (Brenner) Cooney, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, Alivia Devlin, Jennifer & Thomas Devlin, George Dietrich, Msgr. Edward R. Domin, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Charles Elchlepp, Marian Ertel, Joe Essig, Robert Flipping, Deane & Ann Foster, Pope Francis, Jocelyn Franck, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, David J. Gubernot, Clara Hartline, Ruth Ann Hass, Terry Hayward, Al Heck, William M. Hedl, Wayne & Mary Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, John Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger Hilton, Michael Hivner, Margaret Iuso, Michael & Dorothy Jurasinski, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Krissy Kelly, Maryanne Kenton, Cindy Kohl, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, Genny Kopel, Rosemarie Kovacs, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Pat & Fred Lenich, Melanie Lintz, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Aleigha Manderbach, Angela Marroccoli, Rocco Martinozzi, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, Debra McCarthy, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Christine Motley, William Nelson, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, David Plumley, Chuck Rackie, Antonio Mark Ramos, Lorraine Ransom, Phyliss Rathman, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Virginia Rivera, Aneliese & Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Barbara Schock, Edward Senkowski, Bob Shardin, Earl Sheetz, Gabbie Sierra, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Anne Smith, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Thomas Sword, Sean Tipping, Kimberly Trigstead, Richard Uliasz, Janet Ustaszewski, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, Alexandra Wachowicz, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Lyn Weidenhammer, Frank White, Kitty Wright, Walter Yourkavitch, Ann Marie Zawislak, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dan Zielinski, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Mary Ann Zimmerman A Time to die: Elizabeth Ashton, (mother of Carolyn Hoffman); Bernadette Repsik, (mother of Helene Stapleton) & Theresa Essig, (wife of Joseph Essig & mother of Vince Essig) & all victims of war, and the 4,100 daily abortions. Ecclesiastes 3:11

To have someone from your family enrolled on our prayer list, please call the Parish Center. Parishioners who are sick or hospitalized, in a rehabilitation facility or at home wishing to receive the Holy Eucharist may call the Parish at 610-779–4005.

Wentling, IV, Second Lt. Nicholas A. Wentling, Cpts. Juliana & Sean Coleman, Petty Officer Matthew J. Dobroskey, Jr., Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, SPC, Alex Heintz, Captain Chelsea Pellicano, LTJG Nicholas Tomczyk, Captain Steffan Lis, MD, SPC, Dylan Einfalt, Airman 1st Class Kevin Hodgson, Sgt. Madison Straka, First Lt. Devon Schoonover, Sgt. Mackenzie Adame, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Commander Daniel M. Simon, Staff Sgt. Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, TSgt. Timothy Hinsey, Thomas Bristol, Col. Patrick Sullivan, Second Lt. Joshua Kline, Captain Kevin Madary, Sgt. First Class Andrew Spies, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Brizek, Warrant Officer Gregory Van Horn, Major Jeffrey Van Horn, Zachary Deissler, Amy & Gregory Boland, Lt. Col. Adam Sawyer, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Sola, Lt. Cdr. Mathew Stuber, Sgt. Nathan Essig. Please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or email them to dsitler@comcast.net.



Please support St. Catharine's Home and School Organization's Mother's Day Flower/Garden Sale. Pick up will be after the 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30am Masses on Sunday May 4, 2025 in the

Church social hall. Orders are due by 4/25/25. Scan the QR code below to place your order. A limited amount of hanging baskets will be for sale the day of pickup.



https://app.raisingreimagined.com/Patron/ FundraiserStorefront? fundraisercode=ST.MOTD3XM&rs=Email



Save the Date! -Vacation Bible School is back! At TOTALLY CATHOLIC TRUE NORTH VBS, kids DISCOVER THAT THEY CAN TRUST Jesus in a wild world! TRUE NORTH is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hands-on experiments, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. NEW this year is the

Saint of the Day! Plus, we'll help kids discover how they can shine Jesus' light in everyday life. VBS will be held in the school cafeteria June 23, 2025 thru June 27, 2025 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am and is open to children entering grades K-5 in September 2025. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to volunteer to help run VBS. Adult leaders are needed as well! Registration and volunteer forms are available at www.scsyouth.weebly.com or scan the QR code. Contact Marci Zambito at mzambito@scsreading.org with questions.





Join the St. Catharine of Siena School Advisory Board!

We are seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to join the **School Advisory Board**. As a vital part of our school community, the advisory board plays a key role in guiding the school's mission, supporting strategic planning, and fostering a strong Catholic identity. Interested candidates should submit their application via the following link: https://tinyurl.com/SAB-Application Together, let's continue to build a school rooted in faith, excellence, and community!



St. Catharine of Siena Knights of Columbus Council 14880

We will be providing a Holy Hour on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 6 pm in the Church. The Holy Hour will be led by Fr. Brian Miller. The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will be providing us with the Sacred Heart Icon. The Sacred Heart Icons will travel throughout the country and this will be a time for the parish to join with the Knights in a time of worship to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. In this beautiful painting, Jesus holds out to us his heart, enflamed with love and wrapped in thorns, so we can meditate on the sacrifice of His passion and be engulfed in His love. All are invited to come and join us. God Bless.



Join our team of AMAZING educators! Looking to teach in faith filled school? Looking to get back in the classroom from retirement? Looking to get back into the classroom after family time? Then we are looking for you!

There maybe some anticipated openings for amazing, dedicated professionals at SCS for the 25-26 School Year.

Classroom instructional aide

Support Workers

Classroom teachers

All interested will need to send a resume, cover letter, transcripts, and ALL Clearances before interviewing. A DHS approved TB and Health Assessment

will be needed for employment

Please contact Mkraycik@scsreading.org for more details.

Saint Catharine of Siena School extends our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of our SCS Forever Endowment Fund! Your generosity and kindness have made a significant impact, and we are truly grateful for your continued dedication to our school community. Thank you for being a vital part of our school's mission!

With sincere appreciation, St. Catharine of Siena School